for better coordination between different agencies involved in the operations against the extremists have been made. A close watch is being maintained on the activities of the extremists.

Inclusion of Government colony Vasant Vihar in the jurisdiction of Vasant Vihar Police Station

1089. SHRi PUTTAPAGA RADHA-KRISHNA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 2690 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th August, 1987 and state:

(a) whether the area in Vasant Vihar where flats for the Central Government employees hav$_e$ been constructed has since been included within the jurisdiction of Vasant Vihar Police Station; and

(b) if *so,* what are the details thereof and if not, by when it is likely to b$_e$ included therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL. PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PEN. SIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI p. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Delhi Administration has issued a Notification bringing, inter alia, new Government colonies comprising staff quarters of Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, OB.L, CPWD, etc. within th$_e$ jurisdiction of Police Station Vasant Vihar.

News-item "renegade ship with Toxic waste in Ocean"

1090. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY-
SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item cap* tioned 'Renegade Ship with toxic waste in Ocean" which appeared in the Indian Post of 8th December. 1988; and

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to prevent the ship from entering into Indian Ocean?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRi Z. R. AN SARI); (a) and (b) The news-item captioned "Renegade Ship with toxic waste in Ocean" which appeared in "the Indian Post" of 8th December, 1988, has since been seen and the contents brought to the notice of the Ministries of Surface Transport and Finance and also the Indian Coast Guard to prevent the ship from calling at an Indian port and discharging the waste.

Textile Mills lying closed in Tamil Nadu

1091. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY; SHRI
T. R BALU:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of textile mills lying closed in Tamil Nadu alongwith dates of closure;

(b) what is the number of textile workers since unemployed in each mill;

(c) what is the production loss of each textile mill;

(d) what is the total number of mandays lost in each mill; and

(e) whether any closed textile mill was opened after th$_e$ introduction *ot* new textile policy by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES

(SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (d) A Statment is attached (See Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 56J.

(<-) Yes, Sir, five mills which closed before the introduction of the new Textile Policy, have since reopened.

Vacancies of Judges of Supreme Court

1092. SHRI V. GOPALASAMY; SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) how many vacancies of Judges are there in the Supreme Court of India as on date;

(b) how many vacancies Govern ment have filled up recently and what was the total vacancies at that time;

(c) how many cases are pending in the Supreme Court and how many of them are three, five and ten years old disputes, Category wise; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to dispose of the long-pending cases and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) On 13-12-1988, 5 out of 11 vacancies were filled As on today, thede are 6 vacancies;

(c) The requisite information is being collected from the Registry of the Supreme Court of India and will be laid on the Table of the House after it has been received.

(d) A Statement of the steps taken for speedy disposal of pending cases in the Supreme Court is enclosed.

Statement

Steps taken from time to time to deduce Tendency in Supreme Court.

1. The Judge strength of the Supreme Court has been raised from 18 to 26 (including the Chief Justice) with effect, from 9th May, 1986 by amending the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Act, 1956.

2. The following steps are being taken in the Supreme Court for speady disposal of pending cases:

(a) Matters involving common question of law are grouped toget' her and listed in groups so that they can all be disposed of together.

(b) In most of the matters printing of the appeal record is dispensed with which saves a lot of time and expense of the litigants. In criminal appeals counsel for the appellant is required to file cyclos-tyled record to save time which would otherwise be taken in getting the record printed so that the matter could be heard early.

(c) To save the Court's time Hon. the Chief Justice is taking mentioning, which takes about one hour on each day, after the Court hours.

(d) Supreme Court Rules have been amended empowering Hon. Judge in Chambers and the Registrar to dispose of certain types of matters which were previously being listed in the Court. This has been done to save the Courts time.

(e) Specialised benches are constituted by Hon. the Chief Justice and particular types of matters are assigned to such specialised benches for quick disposal.

(f) Computer technology is BOOD going to be introduced in the Supie-